

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A cap for use on a palletized load has a main moulding (~~4~~) providing housings (~~11~~) at a pair or two pairs of opposite sides (~~5~~) for a cassette (~~12~~) in which a strap (~~13~~) passes through a slotted crossbar (~~37~~) between a drum (~~79~~) and a hook (~~14~~) having two prongs (~~15~~) for engaging the underside of the platform of a pallet (e.g. at each side of a middle spacer), the strap then being tensioned by a linkage (~~39~~) between the slotted crossbar (~~37~~) and a lever (~~19~~) within a slot (~~91~~) for swinging between an inoperative position (~~A~~) and an operative position (~~B~~) (e.g. up to 90° thereto) to rotate the crossbar (~~37~~) to wind the strap (~~13~~) thereon.

A replacement Abstract is included on a separate sheet attached hereto.